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Subject: RE: EPA Mid-Atlantic Region Headlines - Thursday, November 18, 2021

I just asked Chad to forward me the specific violations. I hadn't realized it either, but on one of the calls yesterday, he said there were violations at three of the outfalls (there are 18 outfalls and most of them are monitor only) where they have effluent limits.

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I didn't realize  had current violations - if that's true - an AOC for the present violations seems an option

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On Nov 18, 2021, at 1:47 PM, Lazos, Pamela <Lazos.Pamela@epa.gov> wrote:

Brad Levine has the markup. We spent several sessions with the state over the last month and have a very good response in hand to send back to CRW. Brad was hoping to finalize the draft and get it out by tomorrow, but I've been on a couple calls with him today and that may not happen until Monday.

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Just my two cents,
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See article on Harrisburg below. Where are we on the CD.

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DAILY HOT LIST

West Virginia Metro News: Berkeley County sewer district responsible for fines, improvements following citations The Berkeley County Public Service Sewer District will have to pay thousands of dollars in penalties and make improvements to its system after officials reported multiple issues, including an excess of pollution at wastewater treatment facilities.

Pa. Environment Digest Blog (By PA DEP): NFWF, EPA Announce \$2.5 Million In Conservation Grants In Pennsylvania To Help Restore The Chesapeake Bay Watershed On November 17, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the federal-state Chesapeake Bay Program partnership announced \$2.5 million in new grants for 10 Pennsylvania-based projects that will protect and restore the Chesapeake Bay and its surrounding watershed from the Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund.

Chesapeake Bay Journal: Infrastructure law boosts Bay funding, other environmental needs The massive infrastructure bill President Biden signed into law Monday will give a big

boost in federal funding for Chesapeake Bay restoration at a critical time in the long-running effort.

Harrisburg Patriot News: Susquehanna River Contamination Is Getting Worse, And Harrisburg's Sewer System Is Being Blamed It's been six years since an environmental advocacy group sued Harrisburg's water utility company for violating federal standards and releasing millions of gallons of untreated sewage into the Susquehanna River.

NBC 10 Philadelphia: Going Green to Fight Environmental Injustice Urban areas going green is something you don't often hear about. NBC10's Rosemary Connors shows us how a...

WHYY Philadelphia (NPR): After a junkyard fire pollutes Philly with smoke, city has few avenues for accountability Philadelphia public health officials don't plan to take punitive action against the owners of a construction waste processing facility for a fire that blanketed much of the city in smoke last week.

Pittsburgh City Paper: Pittsburgh finalizes city energy plan to help tackle climate change The past few weeks have been a busy time for environmental policy. First, leaders from all over the world gathered in Glasgow, Scotland for two weeks of intense talks at the United Nations Climate Change Conference, also known as COP26. One of the attendees was Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto, who made an agreement with Glasgow where the two cities would develop goals to address climate and environmental sustainability, as well as other issues.

PENNSYLVANIA

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Unions, Dems say \$1T infrastructure bill a boost for region; GOP says there's pork in there The \$1 trillion infusion into America's roads, bridges and infrastructure — signed into law by President Joe Biden this week — will create about 40,000 union jobs in Allegheny County over the next few years, politicians and labor leaders said Wednesday.

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: DEP to study raising oil and gas well plugging bonds The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection will formally study petitions seeking to require oil and gas well owners to set aside the full cost of plugging their wells, after a board approved the review on Tuesday.

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Pittsburgh Council Considers Investment In Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Law360: Exide Bankruptcy Trustee Floats \$17M Cleanup Deal With EPA A trustee for the bankruptcy estate of battery recycler Exide Technologies Inc. has reached an agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to allow it a \$17 million unsecured claim related to cleanup obligations at a handful of contaminated sites in Oregon and Pennsylvania.

Allentown Morning Call: Plan To Dispose Of Processed Sewage On Lehigh Valley Preserved Farmland Raises Concerns ... But its new owner's plan for the land — disposing processed sewage — has neighbors upset. Several years after Plainfield Township rejected a proposed sewage sludge plant, those residents and others are concerned again about such waste being disposed of in the township.

Allentown Morning Call: \$21 Million Federal Grant To Help Connect D&L Trail In Lehigh Valley, Build New Road Plans for Allentown's Lehigh Riverfront got a major boost this

week, with money that advocates say will help transform the area into a business and residential park that will draw visitors to the city, and a link to Whitehall Township that will make it far easier for poorer residents to get to work and move around the region.

Beaver County Times: Company plans to power Bitcoin mining with natural gas in Beaver County A company specializing in cryptocurrency mining plans to power a new data center in Beaver County using natural gas.

Bucks County Courier Times: Republican Cong. Fitzpatrick Hails Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill As A Win For PA The historic Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the billions of dollars in funding and employment opportunities it will bring to Pennsylvania is a net win for the commonwealth and its residents, said Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick this week.

Erie Times-News: Struggling With Blight, American Chestnut Tree Faces New Disease Identified By Erie County Researchers The American chestnut was known as a cradle-to-coffin tree because its rot-resistant wood served people's needs from birth to death. It also produced healthy and tasty nuts eaten by humans and their animals as well as by wildlife. Then a blight, first officially identified in 1904 in the Bronx Zoo, struck American chestnut trees.

Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice: Delaware Water Gap Could Soon Be A National Park And It's Closer Than You Think

Pennsylvania DEP Blog: Ten Tools To Take On Climate Change In Pennsylvania Climate change is a major challenge facing Pennsylvania, and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is leading many efforts to fight back and protect communities.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Washington Post: Bald eagles return to Conowingo Dam as wintry weather settles in ... The eagle population in Maryland has grown exponentially over the decades: In 1977, there were 44 nesting pairs recorded in the state; the estimate now is over 1,400 pairs, said Brinker. The population has grown so much that the state ended its survey of the birds in 2005.

Washington Post: NHL touts 'greener rinks' while promoting powerful pollutants, advocates say In 2017, as part of an eco-conscious green program, the National Hockey League launched an initiative called "Greener Rinks" that proposed a "solution" for the aging refrigeration systems tasked with keeping hockey rinks frozen.

DELAWARE

DNREC News Release: DNREC Announces \$1.4 Million in Grant Funding to Expand Electric Vehicle Fast Charging Stations Improving the availability of public charging stations for the growing number of electric vehicles on Delaware roads is the goal of a grant program announced this week by the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC).

WEST VIRGINIA

Charleston Gazette-Mail: State lawmakers consider benefits, legal complexity of rare earth elements draft legislation

Charleston Gazette-Mail: Low-income weatherization program gets funding boost

Shore News Network: Federal-State Clean Water Act Settlement Resolves Sewer Overflow Violations In Berkeley County, West Virginia ... The settlement, lodged today in federal court by the U.S. Department of Justice on behalf of EPA and WVDEP, resolves chronic alleged violations of the federal Clean Water Act and the West Virginia Water Pollution Control Act.

MARYLAND

Maryland Matters: Perez Sees the Good in Government and Imagines Big Things on Climate Change During his long career in public service, which includes stints at the federal, state and local levels, Tom Perez has seen government do consequential work. And there have been times when he has been in the thick of major policy debates.

WJZ- CBS Baltimore: Maryland Joins Federal Program Pledging To Reduce State Government's Greenhouse Gases By 50% Maryland has joined the U.S. Department of Energy's Better Climate Challenge, pledging to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from state government operations by at least 50% within 10 years, Gov. Larry Hogan said.

Chesapeake Bay Journal: ADA tweaks create a trail for all at Woodend Sanctuary Tucked just inside the beltway in Chevy Chase, MD, is a woodland sanctuary worthy of an afternoon stroll — and accessible to all.

Chesapeake Bay Journal: MD environmental group to drop 'Audubon' from name The Audubon Naturalist Society, one of the oldest independent environmental groups in the Chesapeake Bay region, announced it will be changing its name to distance itself from its namesake, John James Audubon.

Chesapeake Bay Magazine: Meet the Virginial men helping oysters in the Chesapeake Bay to make a big comeback (video)

Capital News Service: Never mind the honeybee: Maryland researchers want more buzz over saving native bee species Although honeybees have captured national attention in an effort to "save the bees," some Maryland entomologists want to shift the focus toward native bee species that are in graver danger. Bees are the most important pollinators on Earth, critical to populating native plants and fundamental to ensuring the abundance and variety of agricultural crops.

Maryland Sea Grant: A Ballooning Effort: Maryland bans intentional balloon releases & new campaign offers information about impacts... "In Maryland it's now illegal to be a plastic balloon litterbug and that's good news for our land, water, and wildlife," Maryland Department of the Environment Secretary Ben Grumbles said in a media release.

VIRGINIA

Virginia Mercury: More electric school buses headed to some Virginia counties More electric school buses are headed to some central and southwest Virginia counties courtesy of

funding from a 2007 clean air settlement between Appalachian Power's parent company and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Virginia Public Radio: Health of James River stalled at B- Progress in cleaning up and restoring the James River is stalled, according to a new report.

Virginia Public Radio: Green energy may flourish even with Republicans dominating Richmond When Republicans ruled Richmond, they backed energy plans that relied on coal and natural gas – fossil fuels that promote climate change, but at Virginia's chapter of the Sierra Club, Conservation Director Ivy Main says she doesn't expect the Youngkin Administration to pull the plug on solar.

MISCELLANEOUS

Government Executive: Despite Calls for Delay, White House Says Feds' Vaccination Deadline Isn't Changing Federal workers have until Monday to prove they are vaccinated against COVID-19 or seek an exemption.

Government Executive: How to Save Money on Dental Care this Open Season Federal employees have three options for saving on expenses.

Bloomberg News: Infrastructure a 'Transformative' Win for Equity, CEQ Chair Says A White House official on Wednesday touted the new infrastructure as "transformative" for low-income and other communities vulnerable to pollution and climate impacts.

E&E News: EPA advisers get sharply different views of soot standards A group of EPA air quality advisers heard starkly contrasting views this afternoon on whether to strengthen the agency's standards for the fine particles commonly known as soot.

Greenwire: Sewage pollution hot spots reveal infrastructure woes Human sewage pollution along U.S. coasts and waterways is a larger contributor to nutrient deposits linked to fish kills and pathogen contamination than originally thought, according to a new study that points likely blame at outdated wastewater treatment infrastructure.

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